

JULY—AUGUST 2023 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. **All programs meet at the Visitor Center** unless otherwise noted. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advanced request. Dress for the weather. Severe weather cancels outdoor programs. For program information, call (413) 534-1723.

OPEN DAILY

VISITOR CENTER, 12:00—4:00 p.m.

Located at 221 Appleton Street in Holyoke. Accessible by [PVTA public transit](#). Free admission. Open year-round. Exhibits explore Holyoke's affluent industrial mill era. Park information, restrooms, drinking water, wheelchair accessible. Also visit the neighboring [Holyoke Merry-Go-Round](#), [Children's Museum at Holyoke](#), and [International Volleyball Hall of Fame](#).

DAILY, ONGOING

STORYWALK®

For young readers and their families. Combine a walk along the park's gentle pathways with reading a delightful children's book and you have a StoryWalk®! July's story is "**The Busy Tree**" by Jennifer Ward. August's story is "**Dear Tree Frog**" by Joyce Sidman.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

DAILY, ONGOING

CURIOSITY CART

For kids and families. Come to the park often to find engaging park-related activities on a mobile cart. The Curiosity Cart appears in the park at random times daily.

THURSDAYS, 2:00—4:00 p.m. & SUNDAYS, noon—1:30 p.m.

STOP BY SCIENCE

For kids and families. Stop by to participate in hands-on science investigations. Look through microscopes. Make your own paper. Learn how a water turbine works. Each week something new. Find the park interpreter at the picnic table along the sidewalk.

FOR TEENS & ADULTS

TUESDAYS

HOLYOKE REVITALIZATION, 10:00 a.m.—noon.

For teens and up. Discover about revitalization efforts in Holyoke on a guided 2-mile walk. Visit some innovative businesses that have put life back into old mill buildings.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON BACK

Holyoke Heritage State Park

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PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & ADULTS CONTINUED

FRIDAYS

A SKINNER SILK MILL VISIT, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

For teens and up. Visit the Skinner and Sons Silk Mill site (1874–1980) for a fascinating tale of old industrial Holyoke. Relive the lives of 1800s Holyoke millworkers and the Skinner family owned the mill. Uncover the history of silk in America. Feel real silkworm cocoons and raw silk skeins.

SATURDAYS, JULY 15, 29 AUGUST 5, 19

TREES TO THE RESCUE, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

For teens and up. Trees cool hot cityscapes, filter polluted air, provide relaxing views, slow runoff and more. Discover beneficial traits of urban trees in Holyoke Heritage State Park. A short leisurely stroll & stop.

GROUP PROGRAMS BY APPOINTMENT

SCHEDULE YOUR GROUP TODAY. CALL: (413) 534-1723

MADE IN HOLYOKE

Hands-on activities for pre-teens. Explore Holyoke's early industries of paper and textile manufacturing by making paper and weaving. Plus, commemorate the park today with leaf art to take home.

KIDLEIDOSCOPE

For pre-school children and their caretakers. Each week explore a topic such as spiders, birds, trees, or worms. Program includes a story, activities and a craft. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting.

GO LIKE A PRO! YOUTH ADVENTURE SERIES

For ages 9-12. The outdoors is calling you to find a new hobby! **Hike Like a Pro** (July 14 & 22), **Camp Like a Pro** (August 18 and 26), and **Paddle Like a Pro** (August 4 and 12), are each 2-part programs. Start with a visit to the park to try out the equipment, followed by a day to go do it. Expert outdoorswomen lead every session. Program partners: Appalachian Mountain Club and Holyoke Rows. Free.

IN THE EXHIBIT GALLERY

DAILY, THROUGH JULY 30

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR DUCK STAMP ART

The Exhibition Hall is ablaze with waterfowl paintings and drawings created by Massachusetts students grades K-12. Science and art combine, inspiring students to create beautiful artwork of birds in their natural environment.

DAILY, AUGUST 3—28

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE POSTER EXHIBIT

Stephen Lewis' poster collection of indigenous people from all over the world decorates the hall for the month of August.